

Bowls Cornwall Propositions

1. Received from Callington Bowling Club. Proposed by J Stephen and Seconded by G Body

Proposition

The number of County Handbooks (yellow Books) issued each year should be the number requested by the Club and not a copy for every registered member.

The rationale for the proposition is:

The Club should inform the county how many are required. Many books are left uncollected, and they are available for members to look at in our clubhouse. Less numbers produced would save money and less waste for the environment.

Bowls Cornwall does not support this proposition as all bowlers should be aware of the Players Code of Conduct and the General Rules.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was LOST

2. Received from Chacewater Bowling Club Proposed by P Bearham and Seconded by J Prime.

Proposition

In Triples & Rink Games carried out under the Rules of Bowls Cornwall, Player 2 in a Triple and Player 3 in a Rink Game shall be at the Skips end when one in a Triple and players one and two in a rink play bowls. An exception can be made if both Captains agree at the start of the game not to play in this format.

The rationale for the proposition is:

Chacewater Bowling Club have produced this proposition to help develop players. All high-level competitive bowls will normally operate in this format where the 3rd in the Fours and the 2nd in Triples will be at the head and walk to play their own shots. This enables them to see a different perspective of the head, especially after several bowls have been played. It also enables the skip to have someone to discuss their ideas with, which not only helps the team progress in that game, but it allows the 3rd and 2nd to develop their understanding of why the skip has selected a certain shot. This can also be said for the Lead and 2nd in the Fours, and for the Lead in the Triples, as they will be spending more time at the head, watching, and learning shot choice. The length of the game is stated as a reason to play with the 3's down, but the actual shortening of time per game is a small amount, especially compared with the more competitive nature of the game played in this format.

We fully understand that some people just play for the social aspect, but we also appreciate that to develop a higher level of bowls across the county we need to start to make some changes that will enable players to be coached and developed in the sport, and where better than within competitive matches.

We have added that if both Captains agree not to play in this format, they can agree before the game, but in the spirit of this proposal, this would not be seen as the norm, but used in exceptional circumstances

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was LOST

3. Received from Falmouth Bowling Club Proposed by D Onslow Seconded by P Bobin

Proposition

Any Triples league should come under the jurisdiction of Bowls Cornwall.

The rationale for the proposition:

To provide standardisation of rules and regulations.

Bowls Cornwall does not support this proposition as each Group has their own triples leagues with their

own set of rules.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was LOST

4. AMENDMENT TO LOSTWITHIEL PROPOSAL

Received from Torpoint Bowling Club Proposed by D Coveney and Seconded by M K Coles

Proposed Amendment

The number of nominated players to be reduced from 8 to 4.

Rationale is

To enable clubs with a small membership to field both an A and B Team. It would provide a platform for new/existing members to develop their skills and gain experience/knowledge by having experienced bowlers alongside them whilst playing for the B Team.

As a smaller club we often struggle to field an A or B team due to players availability with the current limitations.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was LOST

5. Received from Lostwithiel Bowling Club Proposed by R Read and Seconded by W J Berryman

Proposition

The number of nominated players be reduced from 8 at present to 6.

The rationale for the proposition is:

We believe that the imposition of 8 nominated players for all clubs is unfair and penalises the small clubs to the extent that it may force clubs to withdraw their B teams from the League structure therefore, reducing the number of players that play league bowls.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was CARRIED

6. Received from Newquay Trenance Bowling Club Proposed by W Goudge Seconded by S Holden.
THIS PROPOSITION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Proposition

To include 4 extra Men's Competitions in the Bowls Cornwall County Handbooks in line with the Ladies current competition schedule.

The rationale for the proposition is:

Competitions not currently available to Men are: - 1. County Over 55 Pairs; 2. County Over 55 4 Wood Singles; 3. Benevolent 2 Wood Pairs and 4. Benevolent Two Wood Triples

Bowls Cornwall is against this proposition as it considers there are already too many county competitions. Bowls Cornwall has already changed the format of some of the Miscellaneous Finals for next year but if this is approved these additional competitions will cause the problem again. Also, there are no Trophies for these competitions so would incur more expenditure.

7. Received from Porthleven Bowling Club Proposed by F Phillips Seconded by N Ellis

a. Proposition 1

To extend the cut off dates of county only competitions so that in the height of the season there is more flexibility.

As the finals are mostly played in September, August could be used more fully.

b. Proposition 2

All mixed competitions finals to be played on a weekend, or to play each round on an evening.

The rationale for the two propositions is:

As these competitions are played by play-by dates, until the finals, it would only be fair to make the finals at a convenient date and time.

As most men work, and lots of ladies, it would be more convenient for the players, it would also open the competition to workers, who could not enter due to work commitments.

Bowls Cornwall does not support granting extensions to individuals playing at Leamington to extend the competitions play by dates as all competitors should play to the same dates with no extensions. Bowls Cornwall has where possible put the mixed finals on a Saturday and Sunday but there are not enough weekends for them all to be at a weekend due to the same people qualifying in more than one competition.

c. Proposition 3

Top Team

5.7a To reduce the top team from fours, triples, pairs, 4 woods singles and 2 wood singles by omitting the 2 wood singles.

The rationale for the propositions is:

Clubs are shrinking and struggling to fulfil a team with the reduction to 10 players this may make it more possible for more clubs to enter.

According to the votes cast at the AGM these Propositions were LOST

d. Proposition 4

General Rules

1.4 Competitors shall not be required to play more than three games in a fours, triples, pairs and any singles in one day.

Change to:

Competitors shall not be required to play more than two games in a fours, triples, or pairs, in any one day, competitors may mutually agree to a third game. A maximum of three games for 4 wood and 2 wood singles, competitors may mutually agree to a fourth game.

The rationale for the propositions is:

With the age or health conditions of many competitors it would be unfair for them to play more than two games, also depending on how long the previous games have taken it would be unfair to expect players to be on a green for more than 8 hours in one day (i.e., start at 10 am, means a finish of 6 pm). Also, it is unfair to limit entries as players cannot find child-care, or adult care, or they work in the evenings etc. This would encourage more players to enter.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was CARRIED

8. Received from Stenalees Bowling Club Proposed by K Sturtridge Seconded by D Cook

a. Proposition 1

To create a standardised Evening League, replacing the current ones in each Group. This would be played similar to the Rippon and Date concluding with County Semi Finals and Final at the end of the season. One triple team which is not restricted as to who can play depending on whether they have a county badge/currently play in the Johns Trophy etc.

The rationale for the propositions is:

Competitive league bowls for workers or people in education is severely restricted within Cornwall, particularly in some groups where there are also restrictions on who can play etc. This would also give the people currently playing Evening League the chance to qualify for and experience a county final.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was LOST

b. Proposition 2

Where the initial rounds of Miscellaneous Competitions, i.e., Mixed Pairs/Triples/Fours, Millennium, Captains Shield, Father and Son, Secretaries, Champion of Champions etc. are played by play-by dates/in the evenings, for this to continue at the County Final stages.

The rationale for the propositions is:

Currently there are a lot of competitions that are played at Group level, either in the evenings or by play-by dates, the County Finals are then played on weekdays during the daytime, which then can leave teams struggling to field a team for the finals. as they then may be working or have other commitments. A particular example of this is the Millennium, where the group rounds are played, either by play-by or an evening and then the County Finals are on a Friday in September.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was CARRIED

9. **Bowls Cornwall Executive Board propose the following:**

Amendment to the Dress Code rule 10 following last year's AGM new (3)

Middleton Cup, Johns Trophy, Balcomb Trophy, Walker Cup and White Rose black bottoms should be worn which will need to be purchased from Bowls Cornwall.

Ladies Southwest Leagues, Men's County Matches, Mixed County matches, and Group Matches should be white bottoms.

Early rounds of National Championships and Ladies Leagues should be club colours or white bottoms.

Mens Leagues should be club colours or grey bottoms until County League Finals when club colours or white bottoms should be worn.

However, all members of the team must wear the same shirts and bottoms.

Qualifiers playing at Leamington in the National Championships - county colours black bottoms or white bottoms should be worn with all members of the team playing in the same colour. Black bottoms need to be purchased from Bowls Cornwall.

Qualifiers playing at Leamington in the National Competitions – club colours, county colours or white should be worn with all members of the team playing in the same colour as stated in the Bowls England rules and regulations. Black bottoms need to be purchased from Bowls Cornwall.

The rationale for this proposition:

There is concern that those individuals who only play in one game a year or every few years will not wish to buy the black bottoms Also there is concern that the County will not get sufficient players to play in County Games.

Sample sizes for the shorts, trousers, and crops have been received and orders will be taken with a view to having the black bottoms available for next year once the outcome of this proposition is known.

According to the votes cast at the AGM this Proposition was CARRIED